

# OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE



## NEWSLETTER

January 2000

✧ Serving the Ocean Park Community ✧

### Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 6, 2000

@ Ocean Park Volunteer and Rescue H. Q.

Time: 7:30 P. M.

Without any hot button issues or strident concerns on the Ocean Park Civic League agenda, and only with an intense interest in OpSail 2000, more than 120 residents came to the last meeting in November to learn more about the momentous nautical event this June. The recreation hall at the Bay Lake Retirement and Assisted Living Community was brimming with curious residents.

In the true spirit of volunteerism, so prevalent in Virginia Beach, more than forty persons volunteered to take an active part in the preparations for this historic milestone in the history of Hampton Roads. Local OpSail 2000 chairperson, Scott Ayers, now needs individuals to fill chairperson responsibilities of several vital committees: Communications, Fund Raising, Adopt-a- Ship, Entertainment, and Security. Heading any of these committees will be challenging, exciting and a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Should any of our citizenry feel inclined to accept a committee position, please contact Scott prior to the next civic league meeting. He can be reached at: 363-9765.

Information about OpSail 2000 will be forthcoming at the next meeting. During the ensuing months our civic league will focus on OpSail 2000 and still follow through on its obligations and commitments to the community.

At this time of the year, we have reason to celebrate with a shared belief that we in many ways contributed to make Ocean Park a better neighborhood. As we enter the new year, with vitality and promise, we look forward to continuing on that quest for our community.

*Jim McElligott*



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## Meeting Agenda

1. Chris Hale, Shore Drive Marine ( adjacent to the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue building), will show his plans and designs for a new sales/service operation. Its appearance conforms with the Shore Drive Corridor plan.
2. Dan Creeden, Cape Henry Civic League, discusses his civic league's OpSail 2000 program .
3. Dave Jester, North End Civic League, will present zoning proposals associated with duplex residential buildings.
4. Scott Ayers, OpSail 2000 coordinator, will update plans for the event.

Three (3) Twenty- Five dollar (\$25.00) Gift Certificates will be given at a no-charge raffle. You must be present to win.

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## Zoning Laws Must Be Heeded, Always

Several recent cases in our community illustrates the necessity for doing your homework prior to embarking on an addition or renovation project on your property. In one case, a resident who built a deck extending into a setback and then appeared before the Board of Zoning Appeals seeking a variance for that deck was denied the variance. Upon an appeal to the Circuit Court, the decision of the Zoning Board was upheld and the resident was ordered to remove the deck within 60 days and a fine was imposed. Therefore, it seems that the prudent thing to do is to first check with the city's zoning division to avoid any costly mistakes, keeping in mind that variances are technically granted only in cases of hardship.

*Submitted by Judith Connors  
Member, Virginia Beach Board of Zoning Appeals*

### **Ocean Park Civic League Officers**

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### **MAKING IT HAPPEN**

Upon my recommendation, in December, the Council of Civic League Organizations awarded two civic league members, "Certificates of Recognition" for their numerous contributions. They have added an affirmative dimension to the City and our locale.

#### **CITY-WIDE CONTRIBUTIONS**

##### **Judith Connors**

- ◆ Friend of Ocean Park since 1944
- ◆ Past president, Ocean Park Civic League
- ◆ Member, Virginia Beach Board of Zoning Appeals
- ◆ Represents Ocean Park at the Council of Civic League Organizations
- ◆ Volunteer and supporter of Frances Land House
- ◆ Serves on Shore Drive Advisory Committee
- ◆ Recognized by City Council as a trusted advisor

#### **CIVIC LEAGUE CONTRIBUTIONS**

##### **Jerome W. Nelinson**

- ◆ Newsletter Development

*Jim McElligott*

## The Year of 1999--

### Another Flourishing Year For The Ocean Park Community

This time of the year, I thank through the civic league newsletter, all the resident volunteers, who each in their own manner, with a commitment of pride, enthusiasm, generosity and a capacity for hard work assure our enclave on the Bay will remain an excellent place to live. If the Ocean Park Civic League commissioned the Franklin Mint to strike a medal for community service, I would pin one on each of the following residents.



Jackie Longworth  
Beverly Gehlert  
Elizabeth "Betty" Woods  
Diane Trimble  
Judy Jones  
Shyrlee Hurwitz  
Kay Barbini  
Patrick Brennan  
Christine Hankins  
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Judith "Judy" Connors  
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Honorable Leo Wardrup  
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Sharon Swift

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**DO IT NOW!!**

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-2000

NAME:.....

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Areas of Interest in Ocean Park Civic League ( Check Off ✓)

Newsletter contributions.....

Newsletter distribution.....

Refreshments, civic league meetings.....

Social Events committee.....

Crime Watch committee.....

OpSail 2000 committee.....

New Development.....

Zoning .....

Suggestions.....(Your remarks, please.)

Mail this Application with your dues, Five ( \$5.00) to:  
 Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL), P. O Box 55385, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455-5385